

## Statement of the Republic of Latvia

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#### Review of Israel

Mr. President,

Latvia welcomes the delegation of Israel and thanks them for the comprehensive national report and its presentation today.

At first, my delegation notes with appreciation, that Israel is party to the main human rights conventions. We particularly welcome recent ratification by Israel of the Convention on the Rights of Persons with Disabilities.

My delegation takes note of legislation enacted in Israel, aimed at the promotion of gender equality. However, we also note that the Committee on the Elimination of Discrimination against Women in its concluding observations in 2011, expressed its concerns about two reservations of Israel to the CEDAW, in particular to the Articles 7 and 16 of the said Convention. Latvia **recommends** Israel to consider withdrawing the reservations to articles 7 and 16 of the CEDAW convention.

With reference to the concluding observations of the Committee of the Rights of the Child earlier this year, we would like to inquire the Israeli delegation what measures are envisaged to implement the recommendation of the said Committee, to ensure that children accused of having committed security offences are only detained as a measure of last resort, in adequate conditions in accordance with their age and vulnerability and for the shortest possible period of time.

I thank you, Mr. President!